IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Confirmation No.: 2531 Application. No. : 10/658,612

1st Named Inventor: Ramanujam : 2193 Art Unit

: September 8, 2003 Docket No. : 42390.P14609 Customer No. : 45209

Examiner

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Filed

Prior to examination of the present RCE application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

CERTIFICATE OF SUBMISSION/TRANSMISSION (37 CFR 1.8A)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being: **EFS WEB FACSIMILE**

✓ submitted electronically via EFS Web to the Patent and Trademark Office.

□ transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and Trademark Office.

: Mai, Tan V.

Docket No.: 42.P14609 Application No.: 10/658,612 1